Adjournment Motions.

(1) *Re. fraud in the preparation of Electoral Rolls for Nalleppilly and Kozhinjampara Panchayats.*

Mr. President: I have received notice of an adjournment motion from Mr. A. Eachara Menon, "under S. O. 13, I give notice of an adjournment motion for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the fraud perpetrated in the preparation of voters' lists for election of members to Nalleppilly and Kozhinjampara panchayats."

How does that motion come under this Standing Order?

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*): Members of the panchayat are elected by the people. I can prove that fraud has been perpetrated.

Mr. President: For one thing, the motion is not properly worded because it presumes that a fraud has been perpetrated, but apart from that, the preparation of the voters' lists is a matter of procedure under the administrative procedure of Government and any grievance on such an act cannot form the subject matter of an adjournment motion. I think the election rules also make ample provision for correcting any mistake or fraud in the preparation of electoral rolls and remedies can be had under that provision. I therefore rule the motion out of order.

(2) *Re. arrest of Mr. I. Govinda Menoki by the Travancore Excise Officers.*

Mr. President: Mr. A. V. Moothedan has given notice of a motion to the following effect: "The unlawful arrest, by the Travancore Excise Officers, of Mr. I. Govinda Menoki, B. A., B. L., a Vakil practising at Ernakulam while he was going from Ernakulam to Chowghat on the 19th November, 1938, because he was found reading in the boat, 'The Indian Express', a daily newspaper published from Madras, which it appears is proscribed in Travancore."

The motion raises a question of the conduct of the officials of a neighbouring State.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): What I am concerned, Sir, is that one of the most valuable thing, the civil liberty of a person to read any newspaper he likes, has been obstructed. The Travancore Government have restrained him from exercising his personal liberty. That is a very valuable right and we must defend it.

Mr. President: Did they prevent you from exercising that right in our State?

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Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): No, in Travancore waters.

Mr. President: I am afraid the motion is clearly out of order.

Mr. K. Ayyappan (*Ezhuvas-Kanayannur*): He was travelling from Cochin territory to another Cochin territory.

Mr. President: If any inconvenience was caused by the administrative application of any provision by a neighbouring State, represent it to the Government and we will see if any representation could be made to the authorities concerned. Certainly this is not a proper matter for an adjournment motion.

(3) *Re. plight of tenants on re-settlements of Devaswam Lands.*

Mr. President: Another motion by the same member raises the question of "The present sad plight of the tenants in view of the Gazette Notification, dated 15th Karkadagam 1113, ordering re-settlement of certain lands in the possession of the tenants." Has the Government made any such notification?

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Yes, regarding the re-settlement of Devaswam lands.

Mr. President: The hon'ble member himself has given out the reasons for not allowing the adjournment motion. I am afraid this motion also is not in order. I may, however, state for the information of the hon'ble members that I have had representations about this matter and I propose to give opportunities for all the tenants' associations and their representatives to present their case, and no action will be taken by the Government with regard to the Devaswam lands without adequate consideration of the whole question (*Hear, hear*).

Nominations to Panel of Chairmen.

Mr. President: I have to announce to the House that I have nominated Messrs. C. R. Iyyunni and Govinda Pai as the Panel of Chairmen for this Session.

Condolence Motion on the demise of the Late Minister Mr. Ambat Sivarama Menon.

Dr. A. R. Menon: (*Minister for Rural Development*): Sir, by virtue of the position that I occupy, the melancholy duty of introducing this condolence resolution devolves upon me. The sudden death of my predecessor in Office has come with such startling suddenness that the whole State felt as though benumbed. I feel very delicate in proposing this resolution because of my close relationship to the late Minister and of the

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